

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12079–S12148

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1942–1950. **Pages S12127–28**

Measures Passed:

Rosa Parks Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 2967, to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Parks Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12099**

Festival of China: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 56, expressing appreciation for the contribution of Chinese art and culture and recognizing the Festival of China at the Kennedy Center, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12146**

Budget Reconciliation: Senate continued consideration of S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12079–99, S12099–S12122**

Pending:

Gregg (for Frist/Gregg) Amendment No. 2347, to provide amounts to address influenza and newly emerging pandemics. **Pages S12087–95**

Conrad Amendment No. 2351, to fully reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement through 2010. **Pages S12095–97**

Enzi Modified Amendment No. 2352, to provide elementary and secondary education assistance to students and schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina and to lower origination fees. **Pages S12097–99, S12144–45**

Lincoln Amendment No. 2356, to provide emergency health care and other relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. **Pages S12106–14**

Inhofe/Chambliss Amendment No. 2355, to cap non-defense, non-trust-fund, discretionary spending

at the previous fiscal year’s level, beginning with fiscal year 2007. **Pages S12114–20**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2357, to hold Medicare beneficiaries harmless for the increase in the 2007 Medicare monthly part B premium that would otherwise occur because of the 2006 increase in payments under the physician fee schedule. **Pages S12120–22**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 27, 2005, Senate will continue consideration of the bill at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. **Page S12146**

Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; that there be two hours of debate divided equally between the majority and minority, and that upon the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S12145**

Closed Session: During today’s proceedings, a motion was made, in accordance with Rule 21 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for the Senate to go into a closed session. **Page S12101**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S12126**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Steven Alan Browning, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic Uganda.

Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2005.

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006, which was sent to the Senate on February 14, 2005.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the progress of the

Joint Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) Task Force from Brigadier General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Director, Joint IED Task Force.

Nominations:

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shana L. Dale, of Georgia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Allen, and Kathryn Higgins, of South Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Levin, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Park Service's Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the policies on park operations, park resources, interaction with gateway communities, and solicitation and collection of donations, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, and William P. Horn, former Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, both of the Department of the Interior; Denis P. Galvin, McLean, Virginia, on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association; and Don H. Castleberry, Little Rock Arkansas, on behalf of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eric Nicholas Vitaliano and Joseph Frank Bianco, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who were introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator Bunning, and Timothy Mark Burgess, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and Murkowski, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.